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RESERVATION IN AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR CATERING
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated to introduce reservation in awarding contracts for catering facilities in the Railways;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether introduction of reservation in the Railway catering contracts is likely to affect the quality of catering facilities ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ;

(e) whether the minority communities and handicapped persons have also been provided reservation in Railway catering contracts; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)and(b): Reservation has been provided to the weaker sections of the society in the allotment of railways' catering contracts. Besides Scheduled Castes,Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes,reservation has also been provided to categories like, Freedom Fighters, Women, Minorities, Physically and Mentally Challenged Persons etc.

(c) and (d): Quality control is uniformly implemented on all catering units irrespective of their mode of allotment.

(e) and (f): Reservation is provided to physically and mentally challenged persons and the minorities which include Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis).